

**REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL**

Council President Miller called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

**Approval of Minutes:** June 9, 2014 & June 23, 2014

**Action:** Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

Following discussion **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.  
The minutes have been approved.

**Opening Meeting of Council:**

President Miller called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council:

- Laurel Tree, 4233 Lambert, stated she also works at Belvoir Animal Hospital and is at Council to speak in favor of allowing residents to have chickens and other animals. Ms. Tree stated that the Cleveland Heights legislation passed to allow them is a good example and that the city could issue conditional use permits to interested residents.
- Jane Logsdon, 1599 Felton Road, stated that she has been a South Euclid resident since 2001 and would like to promote the City's participation in the upcoming National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk fundraiser on September 20<sup>th</sup> starting at Voinovich Park in downtown Cleveland. NAMI supports those impacted by mental illness. Ms. Logsdon also spoke about the increased need for recreation activities for teens in South Euclid including increased programming at the community center.
- Robert Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard, spoke regarding Resolution 51-14 which requests funding for the hiring temporary seasonal workers to provide for leaf pickup. Mr. Schoenewald stated that the request was not in the original budget and wasn't this something the city could have foreseen.
- Val Miklusak, 4033 Bayard Road, requested additional information about the Charter Review Board and the process. Mayor Welo discussed the process. Councilperson Goodman stated that the Charter is the City's constitution, Councilwoman Gray stated that the charter review board gives guidance as to how the city operates and Council President Miller discussed the process once the Charter Review Board is elected.
- William McLaughlin, 4286 Elmwood Road, discussed his concern with traffic detours due to construction on Ardmore and Prasse Roads and there should be a detour map.
- Roberta Siegel, 4070 Bayard, stated that she works at Curves located at 14055 Cedar Road in South Euclid and that it is a wonderful place for women to exercise and that residents should take advantage of the center in their city.

**Report of Council Committees:**Committee of the Whole

Council President David Miller reported that the Committee of the Whole met prior to the council meeting to discuss monthly financial information. Mr. Miller stated that receipts were up for August and disbursements were down with a General Fund balance at approximately \$4.5 million.

**Mayor's Report:**

- **Mayor Welo** reported that August was a busy month. The City hosted an all-day seminar for the Cleveland Foundation's summer intern program and there were block watch meetings and block parties on East Antisdale and Grosvenor. The Mayor reported on the Purple Heart Homes fundraiser held at the Black Forest and that over 3,000 people attended the Velocity Fun Day event at Bexley Park. The Mayor also reported on concerts at Cedar Center, the freecycle event, Notre Dame Football and other events. The Mayor discussed a documentary screening that she attended at the Cedar Lee hosted by South Euclid resident Pastor Kris Eggert regarding gun violence.
- Housing Manager Sally Martin requested Council's consideration of Res. 49-14 regarding two vacant properties to One South Euclid Community Development Corporation and stated that she is a speaker at the statewide Landbanking Conference in Columbus.
- Economic Development Director Mike Love also requested Council's consideration of Res. 49-14 and reported on the revitalization of the vacant building at 480 South Green which will be the new home for Dogtopia and also that True Value Hardware has purchased and will be moving to the former Amir's building on Mayfield Road.

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 43-14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE CUYAHOA COUNTY: "COMPETITIVE MUNICIPAL PROGRAM": 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 46-14

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Council President David Miller.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 47-14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND (POLICE) # 101-1110" IN ORDER TO EXPEND MONEYS RECEIVED THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 48-14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND "GENERAL FUND (FIRE) #101-1120" IN ORDER TO EXPEND MONIES RECEIVED THROUGH GRANTS FROM WAL-MART AND TEEX. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 49-14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ONE SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 50-14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "FLOOD CONTROL FUND #426" IN ORDER TO EXPEND MONIES RECEIVED THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE OHIO EPA. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Ilove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 51-14

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND-SERVICE DEPARTMENT #101-661-" IN ORDER TO HIRE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Service Committee. Councilwoman Gray requested that South Euclid residents be given preference for hiring of positions and asked if they will be posted. Mayor Welo agreed and stated that the positions will be posted and that the City can give preference to South Euclid residents. Councilwoman Gray stated that she would like to see an amendment to the legislation adding language regarding preference for South Euclid residents for seasonal and part-time positions.

#### Law Director's Report

None

#### Letters & Communications

Councilwoman Goodman reported that South Euclid resident Mikel Mahoney has been hired to launch University Suburban Medical Center's new HealthZone website which is at [www.healthzone.org](http://www.healthzone.org). Quarry Park was a great success. Councilwoman Goodman asked the Mayor to respond to why most department heads no longer attend Council Meetings. Mayor Welo responded that she reported at the first Council Meeting in January that many department heads are working many hours and have many night meetings and that staff was becoming burned out. Mayor Welo stated that her policy is that they be at all pertinent Council Committee meetings and at Council Meetings where they are needed to discuss pending legislation or issues before City Council and that Council Members and residents have open access to directors and may call them at any time and don't have to wait for Council Meetings. Councilwoman Goodman reported on an Alzheimer's Walk that will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Zoo.

Councilwoman Gray asked that the Mayor reconsider her position regarding having directors present at Council Meetings as it is an opportunity to participate and answer questions when they come up for both council and residents. Ms. Gray stated that as public servants, employees assume a role and are accountable to the residents that pay their salaries. Ms. Gray stated that she knows staff is taxed, but the exchange of information every two weeks pays off and promotes transparency. Mayor Welo stated that she will take Council's concerns into consideration and reiterated that if an issue is on the agenda, directors are expected to be at the meeting. Councilwoman Gray reported that the annual Salisbury Road potluck is this Saturday and that the Princeton Road Garage Sale will also be Saturday.

Councilman Gelfand reported on several items including the Eastway Garden clean-up that took place on August 17<sup>th</sup> and the issue of J&M Mart's move one block to 2200 Warrensville Center Road and resident's continuing concern with issues created by customers. Mr. Gelfand discussed the Charter Review process and stated that there are currently 22 residents on the ballot, which gives residents a choice. Mr. Gelfand also reported on a protest before the Board of Elections concerning the Charter Review petitions and stated that the Board of Elections upheld the petitioner's right to have several residents on one ballot.

Councilman Fiorelli praised this past weekend's Harvest Festival and stated that there were hundreds of people at the festival at Quarry Park and also stated that he attended the neighborhood cookout at Notre Dame College and thanked the college for being responsive to the residents and their concerns. Mr. Fiorelli discussed upcoming events by St. Johns Church and the South Euclid Recycling Committee's Freecycle event.

Councilman Ilove asked that Resolution 42-14 regarding the TELCO phone system contract be placed on the agenda at the next reading for removal as the project will not be moving forward at this time. Mr. Ilove requested an update from the Police Chief on the bomb threat which resulted in the postponement of a Council Meeting and asked that a Committee of the Whole be set up to review the One South Euclid Community Development Corporation's efforts.

Council President Miller reported that this Saturday is the dedication of Cleveland Heights High School's new football field and that we should support our neighboring community and also stated that the Brush High School Homecoming will be September 19<sup>th</sup> and that Brush will be playing Mayfield. President Miller also stated that Brush High School Dance Squad has been invited to perform at the 2015 Rose Bowl and thanked the Board of Elections and the South Euclid United Church of Christ for allowing their church to be a voting location for Ward One precincts. A Service Committee was scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm to discuss Resolution 51-14.

#### Adjourn to Executive Session

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Seconded by **Councilman Marty Gelfand**.



**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Ilove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:35 pm.

**Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.  
The Meeting Adjourned at 10:16 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council